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**The Editor is always pleased
to receive local news of people,
clubs and events.**

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The bi-monthly community news magazine for
Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp

We are very grateful to Isla Craig, a year six pupil at Aston Clinton school, for producing our Christmas cover. She is obviously a talented artist. We also send our thanks to all the other children who took part in our search for the perfect picture.

Here at Village Life, we are still looking for a new editor and if we do not find anyone soon our next issue will probably be our last. Please contact me if you think you may be interested in taking over or would like to know more about what would be involved.

In the wider world, 2022 has seen extraordinary events. There have been huge changes and potentially the worst recession in decades. One consequence is that our local food banks have become more necessary than ever so please support them if you can.

More optimistically, C.S.Lewis once said, *'There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind'*, and we have much to celebrate. Inside you can read about various events coming up and I hope you will be able to enjoy your celebrations. However, not everyone has the support of family and friends so if you can contact someone you think may need it, please do. *Richard Vincent*

DAVID LONSDALE

3 August, 1945 – 15 November, 2022.



The Village Life team has been deeply saddened to hear about the death of our old friend and colleague, David Lonsdale. Those of us who knew him considered it a joy and a privilege.

Village Life would hardly have been possible without David's contribution and he only stood down a few months ago because of his failing health. Outside the magazine, he was a great asset to Drayton Beauchamp and will be hugely missed by his many friends.

Our sympathies and thoughts are with Helen, their son, Edward, and the rest of the family.

Christmas Services across the Benefice

St Michael & All Angels

Sun 27 Nov	6pm	Advent Carols
Sun 4 Dec	4pm	Christingle Service
Sun 18 Dec	6pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
Sat 24 Dec	5.30pm	Crib Service
Sat 24 Dec	8pm	Carol Service
Sat 24 Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Sun 25 Dec	9.15am	Christmas Day Service
Sun 1 Jan	10am	Benefice New Year's Day Service

All Saints'

Sun 11 Dec	11am	Messy Christingle
Sat 24 Dec	4pm	Crib Service
Sun 25 Dec	8am	Christmas Day Holy Communion

St Mary the Virgin

Sun 11 Dec	4.30pm	Celebration of Christmas with Icknield Choir
Sun 25 Dec	11am	Christmas Day Holy Communion

St Michael and All Angel's Christmas Fair.

This will be held in the Church on Saturday 3rd December, from 11am until 3pm. Stalls include cakes, books, plants, gifts, toys, vintage jewellery, tombola and raffle. Tea, coffee and light lunches will be served.

St Michael and All Angels Aston Clinton, All Saints' Buckland and St Mary's Drayton Beauchamp

On this page you will find the regular church services and community events that happen within our three churches.

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	All Saints'	Sunday at 8am
Midweek Communion	All Saints'	Wednesday at 10am
Messy Sunday	All Saints'	2nd Sunday every month at 11am
Sung Eucharist	All Saints'	3rd Sunday every month at 11am
Family Eucharist	St Michael's	Sunday at 9.15am
Evensong	St Michael's	Sunday at 6pm

OPENING TIMES & CONTACT DETAILS

St Michael's and All Saints' are open daily 9am to 5pm and
St Mary's is open every Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm for private prayer.

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Website: www.achurchnearyou.com search for: St Michael's, Aston Clinton, All Saints' or St Mary's

Benefice Website: www.ac-buck-db-churches.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St Michael and All Angels Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December at 11 – 3pm

Rhubarb Café at St Michael's

Monday 2 – 4.30pm (*Closed Bank Holidays*)

Communi-tea Friends Group at St Michael's

Wednesday 2 – 4pm (*Free Session*)

Repair Café at St Michael's

bring along your broken items on the 2nd Saturday every month 9 – 12pm

Produce Stall at All Saints'

refreshments & bacon rolls on the 1st Saturday every month 10am

Calibre Audio

National charity Calibre Audio is encouraging eligible local people to join its free audiobook service and offering the additional opportunity to take part in book groups being set up specifically for its members in Bucks.



Based in Aylesbury, Calibre Audio supports adults and children across the UK with a wide range of different print disabilities. These include blindness and visual impairment, learning difficulties such as dyslexia and ADHD, neurological conditions, physical disability that prevents holding a book and even long COVID.

Emma Scott, Director of Commissioning and Editorial explains:

“By offering free audiobooks to those who struggle to read print we can support learning and open up new interests and possibilities for them. Whether it’s help to understand and follow an educational text, broadening their knowledge on specific subjects of interest or the ability to immerse themselves in a great story to help with relaxation, having free access to audiobooks can be transformative.”

“We’re now delighted to be able to take this one step further for our adult members in Bucks by offering regular book groups giving them a chance to meet other like-minded local

people and get involved in lively discussions about the group’s chosen books.”

“We’re keen to encourage anyone in Bucks who is eligible but not yet a Calibre member to join the service and register their interest in our book groups.”

Calibre Audio has a collection of more than 14,000 audiobooks ranging from the classics and the latest bestsellers to non-fiction and poetry.

There is also an extensive collection for children, including many GCSE and A level set texts. Audiobooks can be downloaded to or streamed on any device or listened to via USB memory stick.

To find out more about Calibre Audio and sign up to join, please go to calibreaudio.org.uk. Anyone interested in joining a book group after becoming a member should email Calibre on enquiries@calibre.org.uk or call the membership services team on 01296 432339.

LitterLotto Local

Buckinghamshire Council has worked with LitterLotto to launch an extra monthly prize for residents who do the right thing and bin their waste. By working closely with LitterLotto to create a geofence around Buckinghamshire, the council can now reward local people who bin their rubbish and help keep litter off the streets and out of our beautiful countryside.

LitterLotto is a free to enter prize draw with regular spot prizes and huge jackpots. To enter, residents simply use the app to take a picture of litter as they place it in a bin. Each time they submit a new piece of litter it's another chance to win. 85% of litter binned via the app is ‘fugitive’ rubbish that was on the floor or out in the environment. The more local users the app has, the more litter will end up in the right place – the bin.

The new initiative sees an extra monthly prize draw of £250 just for binning litter in Buckinghamshire. By introducing an extra prize draw the council hopes to reward people who bin their litter and hopefully encourage more people to bin it to win it.

Gareth Williams, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said:

"We spend £2.5million cleaning the streets of Buckinghamshire and unfortunately, much of the tidying up is picking up litter, despite having over 4,000 bins emptied regularly across the county. With the new LitterLotto Local initiative, we want to encourage people to protect their surroundings and reward the right behaviour. If we can get more litter in bins, we can save some money that we are currently spending litter picking and divert it to other projects or services."

The initiative with LitterLotto launched in November and will run for 12 months. Local groups, individuals, businesses or Town & Parish Councils who wish to spread the word about LitterLotto Local can email waste_strategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk to receive a supporters pack, including posters, stickers and digital content.

Aston Clinton Ladies Group

Wednesday 14th December 7pm
St Michaels Church. Advent Carols followed by coffee and mince pies.

Wednesday 18th January
Lunch at the Oak. Sit down at 12.30pm
Menus will be available beforehand.

New members are always welcome. For more information call *Sue Sanders 01296 630740* or *Janet Watson 01296 631014*

Village Life needs a new editor

Richard Vincent will be standing down as editor of Village Life after the next issue.

If the magazine is to continue **we urgently need to find a new editor** so if you or someone you know may be interested in the role or would like more details, please contact him at editor@acvillagelife.co.uk or on 07769 033794.

Ours is the only publication with truly local news and information for the residents and businesses of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp and gives a voice to so many local groups. The role of editor takes a few hours a month and could easily be shared by a couple rather than just an individual.



Isla Craig from Aston Clinton school with the original for our front cover.



Christmas Tree Recycling is Back

1st Aston Clinton Scouts and Greg O'Callaghan Tree Care are pleased to offer our Christmas tree recycling service for the sixth year!

Why fill your car with pine needles and glitter when the scouts can collect your tree from your front door and recycle it for you, raising money for charity at the same time? Trees are collected from you and dropped at Aston Clinton School where they are kindly chipped and recycled by Greg O'Callaghan.

The collection service will be taking place on Saturday 7th January 2023 from 9.30am and we kindly request a minimum donation of £5. Collection is available to residents of Aston Clinton, Drayton Beauchamp and Buckland.

All the proceeds raised will be shared between Florence Nightingale Hospice charity and the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf charity. To book a collection please use the online booking form which we will put on our Facebook page 1st Aston Clinton Scout Group and Gondoliers ESU, together with the village pages.

Alternatively, you can also email ac.xmastrees@yahoo.com or telephone Sally Francis on 01296 631794. Payment can be by cash on the day (if you know you will be home between 9.30am and 2pm) or you can pay online. Alternatively, you can drop cash to Claire Walker at 12, London Road, Aston Clinton HP22 5HQ.

Please don't attach money to your Christmas trees as it can get lost.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thank you, on behalf of the RBL, for your wonderful response to our poppy appeal and for your continued support. We have sold some 16 poppy wreaths that have been laid at this year's Remembrance Sunday parade. We had 25 collecting tins at various businesses and leisure facilities around the village.

The crowd at the war memorial grows year by year and it is good to see so many of you coming to remember our servicemen. The need to support our service veterans, serving members and their families is still as important as ever. You do not have to have been in the services to be a member of the RBL.

Last year the RBL raised some £14 million from the poppy appeal, of which our village contributed approximately £2000.

Ralph Weston



Francis John (Frank) Smith and the Ernest Townsend painting

Many of you will remember the book 'Drayton Beauchamp: The Village that Time Passed By' which was published in 2011 after four years of hard work by David Lonsdale (photographer) and myself (author).

One of the former villagers who provided valuable information for the book was Peter Smith, whose ancestors had for many years lived at the 'top end' of the parish – at Terriers End and Hang Hill Cottages. Peter worked at Painesend and Dancersend Farms for 50 years and in 1966 in a definite departure from his usual work he appeared as an extra in the black and white comedy film 'The Specialist'. This film starred Bernard Miles as a country carpenter who specialises in the construction of 'superior privies' and was filmed locally. Peter and his wife Sylvia moved to Weston Turville in 2001 but Peter retained an encyclopaedic knowledge of the history, topography and residents of this special corner of Buckinghamshire.

Peter was very proud of his father Frank, a gunner with the Royal Artillery in World War II. Frank left home to serve abroad in 1939 when Peter was only three. He did not return at the end of the war, dying in a military hospital on the south coast on 28th March 1945. He is commemorated on the Tring War Memorial, although sadly not in Drayton Beauchamp.

Peter prized a photograph of his father taken when the troops were returning from the Dunkirk Retreat in May 1940. This photo is reproduced in the village book and below. Imagine my astonishment when, on opening The Times on 23rd May of this year I came face to face with the same photograph, but now in the form of a painting by Ernest Townsend.



This artist died in 1944 and his son offered the painting to Churchill



who is reported to have been delighted to accept it. It was discovered in Churchill's studio when he died in 1965. Now painstakingly restored, it has recently been returned to Chartwell and is once again proudly on display there. I am grateful to the National Trust for allowing me to reproduce a digital image of this painting here (Ref. CMS_1102534_3).

Although the artist has made changes to the background and to some of the figures in the photograph, Frank Smith is instantly recognisable as the young man in the centre of both images, supporting a wounded comrade who is walking with the aid of a stick.

Sadly, Peter Smith died four years ago so he never knew of his father's posthumous fame or of the fact that his image is now prominently displayed in such a famous setting. I believe it is fitting that we should pay tribute to this very local hero – shown in both photograph and painting as a kind, compassionate young man – who gave his health and ultimately his life for his country. *Margaret Ross*

Aston Clinton Parish Council

Visitors with cars to the park are reminded that the barrier will be closed promptly at 9pm and will remain closed until 7am. At present there are no arrangements for out-of-hours release, so please keep an eye on the time if you visit the park late in the evening.

As part of our continuing plans for improved security and a better deterrent to vandalism, ACPC are pleased to advise that the CCTV system has now been extended to cover a greater area of our park, and cameras will monitor day and night. Please report any incidents that you are aware of in the park to the clerks in the office.

Wintery conditions turn our thoughts to road and pavement safety, and residents can report a variety of problems via the Buckinghamshire Council fix my street website - problems such as potholes, pavement issues, fly tipping, street lights on main roads, and more, can all be easily reported www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

We await the outcome of the public consultation for proposed traffic calming measures for zones 2 & 3 and hopefully an implementation date in early 2023. Separately, a new consultation is currently underway by Transport for Bucks on a scheme to reduce the speed limit along part of Stablebridge Road and public comments are invited on the Bucks Council website before 5th December 2022 yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com

The Grow to Give initiative which was operating with our park allotment growers for the first time this year has now drawn to a close

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for 2022, and we are delighted that our growers have been contributing such large amounts of their excess fresh produce to the Aylesbury Vineyard foodbank for the past few months. We look forward to resuming this much-needed support for the foodbank in 2023.

The Parish Council is also busy planning a full calendar of events around the park for 2023, not least of which will be the King's Coronation celebrations planned for Sunday 7th May 2023, so please save the date. More information can be found on our website as activities are confirmed,

Finally, we would like to thank John Disbrey for his tireless work in maintaining the Aston Clinton war memorial.

Third bench is installed

I am delighted to say that we now have our third community bench, which is situated at the end of Stablebridge Road.

Thank you to Lee from 'L.Harris garden maintenance' for providing the concrete base and giving his time to fit the bench.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Dayla, RAF Halton, Aston Clinton Dentist and, Aylesbury Fitness Division for donations towards these benches. Aston Clinton Beer Festival which raises money every year for local charities were also extremely generous and were very keen to help me achieve my target of these three benches. The other two benches which are placed either end of the village were kindly fitted by Colin from CD Lane contractors earlier this year, so thank you Colin for donating your time.

Last but not least, thank you for every individual person who donated to help get these benches in our beautiful village for all to enjoy.

Helen Boswell

Santa's Float

Santa has told us he will be visiting the residents of Aston Clinton over two days this year. He will be cruising through the village on his float, spreading Christmas cheer (and sweets) to residents young and old on Saturday 10th December and Sunday 11th December from 4pm, and looks forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Local charities will be collected for, so please save your donations for our buckets, and we hope also to have a card reader available for those of you wishing to donate with plastic money!

On 10th December, the float will finish at the Red Kite Pavilion at about 6.30pm, where the Ellesborough Silver Band will be playing Christmas music. Any able-voiced singers will be warmly welcomed to sing along to the carols.

- All timings are approximate and the route may be rearranged at short notice – live updates will be posted on ACPC website, and on our Facebook page during Santa's journey.

Saturday 10 December

- 16.00 Float starts at Dayla's yard. Aylesbury Road to Little Green development. Weston Road, up to Hammond St/Sawdy Drive
- 16.45 Rothschild Arms, 5 minute stop for Stratford Close/Burnhams. Shell garage, up London Road to Church Lane
- 17.30 London Road up to Stablebridge Road. Flora Avenue 5 minute stop. Lower Icknield Way to Dean Way. Dean Way to Red Kite Pavilion.
- 18.30 Finishes at RKP, join us for music and carols. Meet & greet Santa.

Sunday 11 December

- 16.00 Float starts at Brook Street, junction with London Road. Bovis development roads. College Road South.
- 16.45 Brook Street/Green End Street to Long Plough. Chapel Drive & loop around estate roads. Green End Street to Twitchell Lane.
- 17.45 London Road up to China Water. Lower Icknield Way to Beaconsfield Road and Rosebery Road. Beechwood Way to Rothschild Avenue, The Pleasaunce.
- 19.00 New Road to Green End Street towards The Oak
- 19.30 Finishes at The Oak, short stop to meet Santa.



Aston Clinton School

Head Teacher.: Mrs Carol Macdonald



Aston Arrows

We are Aston Arrows, a small racing team made up of a group of year 6 children working at Aston Clinton School in an after-school club.

We are building a battery-powered (eco-friendly) race car to compete with other schools around the country. The project is run by a charity called GreenPower, who aim to provide an understanding of STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) in schools, in order to encourage more children into STEM-based employment.

The project started just before the summer holidays when we chose which area we wanted to work in:

- body work team (designing and building the bodywork of the car)
- framework team (build the structure of car)
- media team (promoting the project to wider community and keeping a log of our activity)
- fundraising team (writing to local companies and organising fundraising events)
- financing team (keeping track of our accounts).

Each week, we either work on jobs for our chosen areas, sharing our progress regularly with the whole group, or we engage with a fun STEM activity to get us thinking about an aspect of the car design and engineering. Everyone in Aston Arrows has already learnt how to use tools, both manual and power, has designed potential environmentally friendly



bodyworks for the car and has investigated how we might make the car go faster on race days using the laws of physics.

Once we have built the car, we will learn to drive it and enter race days set up by GreenPower. We will be competing with other children from around the country. At race days, we will all need to take on different roles, from drivers to logistics team, pit-stop team and technical team.

At the end of the school year, we will dismantle the car and get the framework ready for the next year's year 6 children to start the same journey with their own design of Goblin car.

None of this could have been possible without support from local people and STEM ambassadors living in the village, as well as Jaguar Landrover, who have sponsored us. Obviously, this type of experience is invaluable for the children in terms of business skills and STEM enrichment. The whole venture will need to be supported by donations and

sponsorship to make it accessible to all children who wish to take part. If you would like to be part of this journey, please contact the school office. **01296 630276**.

The Aston Arrows Racing Team

Aston Clinton Society

Hot on the heels of another successful village litter-pick and tidy-up in October (and the final one of 2022 on November 26th), the Aston Clinton Society launched its fund-raising campaign with a sell-out quiz night and fish-and-chips supper at the Anthony Hall on October 14th.

Sponsored by Signature Estates and Carr Richards Solicitors, more than 80 people were put through their paces by our highly entertaining quiz master Aron Sharma with questions ranging from cockney rhyming slang to politics. Judging from the positive feedback we received afterwards, this won't be our last.



The success of the evening would not have been possible without the generous support of our villagers and local business community who also provided a great selection of raffle prizes. A massive thanks to everyone who participated, contributed and volunteered on the night. The event raised over £1600 towards our first fund-raising initiative, the installation of new white village gates on four of the five main entry routes into Aston Clinton. Our application to apply for additional funding is

being supported by our Parish Council and we are aiming to have the gates installed in early 2023. The gates will also help to promote road safety by displaying a "Please drive carefully" speed awareness message. To enhance the visual perception that this is a village that residents take pride in, we will be planting out spring bulbs at the base of the gates. We have applied to Bucks CC for a planting and cultivation licence which will also allow these areas to be maintained by the Society in the future.



Eagle-eyed residents may have noticed our growing band of litter-pickers are now wearing hi-viz vests, complete with our Aston Clinton Society logo on the back. These have been kindly donated to us by Laxton Properties, to whom we extend our thanks.

We are already looking forward to 2023, with our committee working on a number of ideas for the village, including a spring Gala Ball and other fund-raising events for all ages; working with the parish council on how to discourage graffiti on street furniture and installing more litter bins, and a residents' survey to gauge views on which areas of the village are most suitable for rewilding.

If you'd like to become actively involved in some of our activities and/or become a member of the Society, please drop *Sally* or *Ann* an email at info@astonclintonsociety.org.uk or check out our website at www.astonclintonsociety.org.uk

The Baptist Church

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1.12

Children have a hard time waiting for Christmas. Here's an actual letter that was written to Santa:

*Dear Santa, (From a four-year-old)
I'll take anything because I haven't been that good.*

Being "good" and receiving gifts are clearly linked in this young correspondent's mind. Not so with God's thinking.

The motivation for the Christmas gift of the Christ-child is God's unmerited love for us. Being 'good enough' is not the issue – being 'loved enough' is. And in Jesus we are.

God in love dwelt among his people in a tangible way and enabled the release of a priceless gift for us who, being fatally flawed, could never be 'good enough' to receive it. That gift is 'eternal life', life of the character and quantity of the eternal God, which can still be experienced today. It is a birth-right, the right to become children of God, to be adopted into his family, to experience unmerited love.

As God's children and heirs, Christians can rejoice in the season of Advent and Christmas as they prepare themselves for the future time when God will fully dwell with humans in the new world order of love, free of sin and sorrow when eternal life can be entirely enjoyed.

Until that day a Christmas blessing to you; may the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

Revd Nick Harris

*Minister, Aston Clinton Baptist Church
email minister@astonclintonbaptist.org*

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

All services are both livestreamed and available for viewing via catch up on the church YouTube channel follow the links on our website.

Sunday Morning Worship (including children's church and creche) 10.45 – noon

Various Homegroups meet regularly for Bible study, fellowship & prayer.

A Ukrainian Pop Up shop runs on certain Wednesday afternoons in the hall

Lunch is served in the hall every Wednesday 12.45-1.30

Craft Club Alternate Wednesday mornings 10.30 – 12.30

Noah's Ark Baby & Tots runs Thursday in term time 9.30 – 11.30. starting in the New Year

The Foodbank is most active on Friday morning (preparing parcels) & Saturday morning (delivering parcels).

Men's full English Breakfast The first Saturday of the month 9am-10am (numbers are currently limited to 20. Booking is required.)

A bereavement group meets alternate Wednesday mornings from 11.30 – 12.30.

Carol singing at the Partridge Pub 7pm Tuesday 13th December

Carols by candlelight 5pm Sunday 18th December in the church.

The hall is available for private hire.
Please see website or call for more details.

www.astonclintonbaptist.org
01296 631824 or 07972 770361

Chilterns MS Centre services to stroke survivors

Earlier this year, the Chilterns MS Centre began a pilot programme to open its services to people with neurological conditions other than MS, starting with Parkinson's Disease. Due to its success, the pilot has now been extended and the Centre is now offering its services to stroke survivors



Being diagnosed with a neurological condition can be a daunting experience but the Chilterns MS Centre provides a wide range of treatments and services that support people on their journey, services that go beyond what the NHS is able to offer. These services include physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, counselling, dietician advice, acupuncture, a range of leisure groups, not to mention the provision of a supportive community. All of which help empower people with neurological conditions to live their life to the full.

Over 500 people with MS make use of the services offered by the Wendover-based charity and, since the pilot began, over 30 people with Parkinson's Disease have taken advantage of it.

Stroke survivors can often face the same or similar challenges to people with MS or Parkinson's so the Centre is keen to use the skills and experience it has built up over its 37-year history to enhance their quality of life too.

"We are really excited about the success of the pilot programme so far," said Amy Smissen, Head of Integrated Clinical Services "The really positive feedback we've been getting from our MS members is being echoed loud and clear by our new Parkinson's members so we are really thrilled to be able to do more for more people."

If anyone who has experienced a stroke, or anyone with MS or Parkinson's, feels they would benefit from the services offered then they should get in touch with the Chilterns MS Centre by phoning **01296 696133**.

200th Anniversary for the Baptist Church

After a two-year delay because of Covid, the Baptist church was finally able to celebrate their bicentennial in October. The delayed celebrations were a great occasion with well over 200 visiting the church to view the display, enjoy the traditional games and view the scarecrows on the Saturday with a full house for the Sunday celebration.

All the historical materials gathered by Alan Cookson for the display have now been deposited at the county archives.



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Can you hear me?

Have you noticed that when you get to a certain age, everyone around you starts to mumble? Not only your family and friends, but the people on radio and TV do it too. That's when you need a good friend to say 'you need to get your hearing tested.'



First you have to get someone to check your ears to see if they have wax needing removal. Mine did, so next you have to find somewhere private to have the wax removed, as this is a service no longer offered by the NHS. Then you have to return to your practice to confirm that your ears are clear, and at that point the GP makes a referral.

I was sent an appointment quite quickly, with a questionnaire asking me to identify five situations in which my hearing was causing problems, and to rank them in order of importance. This done, I was off to the audiology department at Stoke Mandeville.

The testing was comprehensive, and I had a thorough explanation of my loss. The test results co-incided precisely with the situations I had identified as difficult. I was given a further appointment in about a month's time to get my new aids.

I returned with some trepidation. I know many people who got this far, were given their aids, but never really got to grips with them. My dear old Dad resolutely refused to wear his: 'where's your hearing aids, Dad?' 'They're in their box, listening.' Several friends wear them intermittently, but it was explained to me that getting used to them is as much about training your brain as your ears, so I was determined. The aids are tiny, and I was told I have 'petite ears' so when they are in, they are a good fit – necessary for doing things like pilates exercises. So off I went, hearing aids in, to be reviewed in six weeks.

I have to confess that if I'd lived alone, I'd have been back after a few days as I struggled to get them into my ears correctly. You can't see what you are doing, and the little tubes are very small and springy. My partner had to put them in for me, so I had visions of never being able to go away without him ever again. However, after a couple of weeks I'd mastered them. The biggest delight was birdsong – my garden robin was deafening, and I hadn't realised how much hearing I'd lost. In my office I thought there must be a bomb – I had never noticed the ticking of the clock. Turning the pages of a newspaper was surprisingly loud, and flushing the loo was like standing by Niagara Falls. On the downside, I kept thinking people were talking to me when they weren't.

But we are so lucky: a wonderful service and free. We take our struggling NHS so much for granted, and yet those little aids have made such a difference to my life, and those around me. If you know you need help, do get it – you won't regret it. *Alison Beck*

Wild Estone Grange

A tentative start has been made to ensure Estone Grange is more sustainable for wildlife. With support from Wild Aylesbury Vale and BBOWT Buckinghamshire, there will be opportunities for people, young and old, to be involved.

Already residents post sightings of deer, foxes and birds on Everything Estone Grange Facebook. They have sowed wildflowers and planted bulbs and trees, though sadly only a few survived drought and strimming. The summer growth is now being cut back and next year it will all begin again starting with coltsfoot, one of the first wildflowers to emerge here.

There have been plenty of ideas for wildlife enhancement; a community orchard; more bulbs; a bluebell patch; bug hotels; a willow den; recording species; sunflowers and finally the wildflower meadow by the old field pond should be completed.

Wildflowers at the old field pond and The Wild Estone Grange map by Sandi Young

If you would like to become involved do get in touch on the Wild Estone Grange Facebook page. Enthusiasm, knowledge, a love of nature, community spirit and a desire to put something back that the development has destroyed will ensure the estate on the edge of the countryside is a sustainable special place for all to enjoy - frogs, dragonflies, foxes, birds and people - residents and visitors. Or email: bramleycottage73@gmail.com *Katy Todd*





Support Rennie Grove this Christmas

With the past two festive seasons disrupted to some degree by the Covid-19 pandemic, Rennie Grove Hospice Care is delighted to be offering a full programme of Christmas activities and events this year. There really is something for all the family, allowing everybody to celebrate the festive season and to support the work of Rennie Grove.



Cards

Rennie Grove's range of Christmas cards is on sale now and available via our shops, mail order or online at renniegrove.org. With a range of designs from religious and traditional to contemporary, the collection includes something for all festive tastes. Prices start from £3.75 for a pack of 10.

Fundraising

The Big Give Christmas Challenge 29 November (midday) – 6 December (midday)

Rennie Grove is once again joining the Big Give Christmas Challenge which gives supporters the unique opportunity to have their donation to Rennie Grove doubled. During the seven days that the challenge is live, any donation made to Rennie Grove via the Big Give website will be doubled (while matched funding lasts) meaning that you can give one donation and have twice the impact.

Visit thebiggive.org.uk and search Rennie Grove to double your donation during the period that the campaign is live.

Christmas lights

Every year local people decorate their homes with Christmas lights to raise money for Rennie Grove Hospice Care. Could you join with your neighbours to decorate your home or street with a festive display to raise money this Christmas? To get involved email community@renniegrove.org

Big Festive Quiz of the Year

Our Big Festive Quiz of the year is back for 2022! Simply download the questions for a £5 donation to Rennie Grove, then host at home with your friends and family. Available from late November at www.renniegrove.org/bigfestivequiz

Online dedication

For those who would like a virtual space to pay tribute to a loved one, we have a dedication page in partnership with Much Loved, the online memorial platform, where you can leave a message and upload a photo of a loved one. Visit renniegrove.org/lual for more information. For more information on these and other ways to support Rennie Grove Hospice Care this festive season, visit renniegrove.org

Be Bright, Be Seen

With darker mornings and evenings now upon us, the council is reminding people of the simple but sensible actions they can take to keep themselves and their families safe when out and about.

Dark days combined with foggy and misty weather all have an impact on visibility. To stay safe when walking, cycling or scooting to school, parents and carers are reminded about the importance of fluorescent and reflective materials on clothing. Fluorescent fabrics work

well during daylight and the hours of dusk but won't show up in the dark so it's important to also look for reflective fabrics and consider adding reflective tape to bags and clothes to ensure you can be seen in the dark by car headlights.

Anyone cycling during winter months should ensure bike lights are clean and in good working order. It is important to remember, it is against the law to cycle at night without a white front light, a red back light and a red reflector at the back of your bike.



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Sudoku

All you have to do is fill in the squares so that each row, column and the nine small 3 x 3 squares contains the numbers 1-9.

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 27)

Village People

This is a series about the people of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Not just about the people who live in these villages but the people who are a part of the daily life of the villages.

Natalie Fieldhouse is the Benefice Administrator.



I love helping people in times of joy and grief.



Q. When were you appointed to the role of Benefice Administrator?

A. I joined the team on 4th September 2019, and I absolutely love my job.

Q. What does the job entail?

A. My job is really varied, I run our Facebook page and website for all three churches as well as liaising with families about weddings, baptisms, or funerals. I help organise the community events that happen and also deal with all incoming phone calls and emails – these can be about bell ringing, donations for families in need and services that happen within the churches.

Q. What did you do before that?

A. I worked for over 20 years in Field Marketing in various roles – administration and recruitment. If you see someone in Tesco putting out Mars bars and they don't work for Tesco, they would have probably been employed by me.

Q. What gives you the most satisfaction in your role as Benefice Administrator and why?

A. Helping people in times of joy and grief as well as being part of a wonderful community in and outside of the church.

Q. The Rhubarb Café will celebrate its 10th anniversary next year. What's the secret of its success?

A. Rhubarb Café, which I am manager of (as well as my Benefice Administrator role), is a popular community café. No-one is ever turned away and I try to ensure that there is always a good variety of home-made cakes, tea/coffee and once a month we now also offer home-made soup and a bread roll.

I think that part of the success of Rhubarb Café is down to the atmosphere within as well as the variety of customers that attend.

Q. How many volunteers help in the café?

A. There are over 40 ladies who bake, serve and work in the kitchen. There is also a small team of men who set up/put away the tables and chairs every Monday. I am always on the lookout for new volunteers so if you can bake or are available to work occasional Mondays, please email me on RhubarbCafe1@gmail.com or call 01296 632488.

Q. What are your plans for the future of the café?

A. Recently the café was awarded an Aston Clinton Parish Council grant, so we are now able to offer Tassimo Coffee/Hot Chocolate at £2 and we have also introduced home-baked savoury items.

The next plan is to fundraise for an accessible toilet within St Michael's as this will enable people who have limited mobility, have a carer, or use a wheelchair to attend the café. Also with the accessible toilet, there will be somewhere for parents of babies to change nappies.

If you are able to donate money to this fund please contact me.

Q. Do you live in Aston Clinton?

Unfortunately not, although I would love to.

Q. How long have you lived in the area?

I live in Broughton, which is about two miles away so have a very easy drive to work. I have lived in Aylesbury for over 20 years.

Q. What are your hobbies, what do you do for fun?

A. I run, although not very fast, twice a week with On The Run which is a local friendly running group. I also take part in Park Run every Saturday with my 14-year-old son and yes he always beats me by about 18 minutes! It is a great community event.

I also love to read and normally have a book on the go – nothing better than sitting with a cup of tea and a good book.

Q. What's your favourite music?

A. 1980s music is my absolute favourite. I spent my formative years dancing and listening to Wham, Spandau Ballet and Duran Duran to name a few.

Q. What's your favourite film?

A. Wow, that is hard one as it depends what mood I am in. I love Shawshank Redemption but also enjoy the Star Wars & Harry Potter franchises. I recently saw Where the Crawdads Sing at the cinema which I thought was fantastic.

Q. What was the first car you owned and what do you drive now?

A. My first car was a two-tone Ford Fiesta and I now drive a blue Mini Cooper.

Q. What changes to village life (good or bad) have you noticed in recent years?

A. The traffic is always an issue in a village especially with all the new builds and HS2. The good changes are I believe the community spirit within Aston Clinton and surrounding areas. People do look out for each other, and you especially see that at Rhubarb Café and within the churches.

If there is anyone whose contribution to village life you believe should be featured in a forthcoming issue of Village Life, please send details to Editor@acvillagelife.co.uk

*Interview **Andrew Andersz***

Aston Clinton U3A Retirement?... it's just the beginning

Whether you want to keep active or spend some time with a new hobby, the Aston Clinton u3a may have just the thing for you.

U3a is an organisation for people no longer in full time employment and who want to continue their educational, social and creative interests in a friendly and informal environment. It is a great way to get out to meet face to face – learning together and making the most of life. You can meet other people with similar interests, learn new things and share your skills

For over 40 years the u3a has hosted interest groups chosen and run by members, for members. Everyone in the group helps each other and they form strong and meaningful relationships together with a sense of community, social wellbeing, fellowship and belonging.

Joining u3a is a great way to find and develop new interests and make new friends in a relaxed environment. It doesn't cost much to join – just £17 per year from January, 2023.

There are about 30 groups that meet at local venues within Aston Clinton so there's bound to be something nearby that's right for you. And if not, we can help you start a group for your particular interest. You are welcome to try one or more of the groups before committing to joining, just follow the Groups link on the website (details below) and email the group co-ordinator using the 'messenger pigeon' on the right-hand side of the page. They will be pleased to give you information on their next meeting so you can 'try before you buy'.

For the adventurous there are garden visiting trips, bird watching and wildlife walks; for the more active there is walking, table tennis and



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line dancing; or you may prefer to stay indoors for video photography, book groups, film nights or history. And there's plenty more besides.

U3a's motto is *Learn, Laugh, Live*, members stay active, keep learning and have fun. To find out more check the website: u3asites.org.uk/aston-clinton/home for information on interest groups currently on offer see the Groups page.

Victoria P

Lindengate Charity

Lindengate Mental Health Charity is home to two Gold Award Winning Exhibits from RHS Chelsea Flower Show.



Located across a stunning six acre wildlife garden in Wendover, Lindengate promotes better health and wellbeing for all through nature.

Taking pride of place in the Clare Foundation Nature Reserve, is a recently completed project, the donated Chelsea Gold Award winning, Rewilding Britain Landscape garden, designed by Urquhart & Hunt. This incredible donation has enabled Lindengate to create a new conservation pond and landscape with a purpose-built hide, which everyone can come and admire.

In addition, there is a second Chelsea Award winning exhibit, Nature – A Fragile Beauty, which was part of a floral installation which won Gold in 2021

Lindengate were delighted to be awarded two prestigious awards in 2022. After receiving the Queens Award for Voluntary Services, Lindengate was also awarded the much-

coveted Green Flag Community Award, in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the team that makes the site a great space that everyone can enjoy.

Come and see for yourself, we are open: Monday to Thursday: 10.30am - 3.30pm and Friday to Saturday: 1 - 4pm. Whilst entry is free, we ask that you consider a suggested donation of £5 per person, to help us to continue to support our community and environment.

Emergency Winter Appeal. Lindengate is recognised as a flagship charity in Buckinghamshire but this does not protect us against the cost of living pressures on all charities. Despite diversifying our income streams, we are still in need of £80,000.

If you would like to donate, please see our website: www.lindengate.org.uk

Chiltern Society service at St Mary's, Drayton Beauchamp

Parishioners and Chiltern Society members enjoyed a special service of renewal on 2nd October to mark the end of the 5th Chiltern Heritage Festival.



The event was blessed with sunny autumnal weather so everyone could watch Simon Keary, the Chairman of The Chiltern Society, plant a rowan tree next to the public footpath up to the church; this was then blessed by The Reverend Sally Bottomer. We all then continued up to a beautifully decorated St Mary's for a celebratory service incorporating themes of renewing our commitment to protecting and championing our stunning countryside and heritage, and to celebrate the harvest season.

Soprano Madalina Tudoran sang two pieces which sounded superb with the church acoustics. Volunteers and staff from the

Chiltern Society gave readings and spoke about their work, and the congregation sang some well-known hymns. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a glass of cider or apple juice and a slice of the beautiful cake made by Esther Pedroletti especially for the occasion, plus other homemade goodies.

Thank you to Katy Todd, Geoff Wiggett and the Chiltern Society team who worked with Reverend Sally and helped make such a memorable event. *Lucy Kibble*

Classical Concert at St Mary's, Drayton Beauchamp

A wonderful evening of music was enjoyed by around 80 people at St Mary's on Saturday 8th October. Moira Warr-King and her friend, Sue Sturrock, organised a fantastic and varied repertoire to showcase the talents of three professional musicians: Victoria Mulley's soprano voice with amazing range and engaging performance; David Palmer's superb virtuoso piano playing on a baby grand brought in especially for the occasion; and Jonathan Few's expressive and resonant cello solos. There were several duets, namely Schumann's Fantasiestücke and an aria from Verdi's La Traviata, culminating with Massenet's Elégie for cello, piano and soprano.

Concert-goers were treated to an array of delicious canapés and plentiful wine and soft drinks during the evening. In the interval Drayton Beauchamp's very own Alistair Dunbar played some wonderful saxophone music, enormously enhancing the convivial atmosphere. The church looked at its best, with seasonal flower arrangements and harvest displays and bedecked with fairy lights in the porch.



A huge thank you to everyone for coming and supporting the occasion, and especially to Moira, Sue and all the Parochial Church Council (PCC) who worked so hard to create such a successful evening, which raised much-needed funds for St Mary's. A special thank you to Natalie Fieldhouse in the Benefice office who skilfully designed the poster and the programme and handled all the ticketing with great efficiency.

We hope to continue to hold this event annually. *Lucy Kibble*

Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Do bring along family and friends to celebrate Christmas in a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary's Church, Drayton Beauchamp, on Sunday 11th December at 4.30pm.

The singing will be led once again by The Icknield Sixteen choir and parishioners will read the nine lessons.

Don't miss the chance to hear beautiful traditional words and music in the most wonderful setting.

Santa Dash

Local charity event returns to kickstart the season of goodwill.

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is bringing its popular Santa Dash event back to Aylesbury this December. The event will see hundreds of participants dust off their best Christmas jumpers, don their Santa hats and take to the streets for Aylesbury's jolliest fun run on **Sunday 11th December**.

Whether 'yule' choose to run, walk, jog or scoot the 2.5km or 5km circular route, kick off the festive period in style while earning that second mince pie and raising money for local hospice care.

Bill Richards, Community and Events Fundraiser for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, commented:

"Our Santa Dash is the perfect festive family event! Our last Santa Dash raised an amazing £1,500 to help us care for local patients and their families, so we're back, hoping to make this year's even bigger and better."

Entry fees are £15 for adults and £10 for children and include a Santa hat and commemorative Santa Dash medal.

This year's Santa Dash starts and ends at Buckinghamshire New University, Canalside and for more details and to register your place head over to fnhospice.org.uk/santadash



Grow It, Cook It, Eat It

Are you worried about higher grocery bills and the rise in cost of living? Do you find yourself struggling to know what to do with the fresh produce you buy?

The Buckinghamshire Council supported 'Grow It, Cook It, Eat It' initiative helps residents to put nutritious and fresh food on their table. As the number of food parcels distributed to households in Buckinghamshire reached 13,718 in the first six months of 2022, many residents are looking for help to find affordable and healthy solutions and alternatives. Grow It, Cook It, Eat It is a community-led project that focuses on growing healthy produce, meanwhile educating local residents about maintaining and harvesting crops to allow people to grow their own food.

There is no cost or membership to visit one of the growing sites, and very little to no commitment – anyone can visit when they have spare time. What doesn't get taken home from the allotments is donated back to the community.

If you're a grower and sometimes find yourself with excess fruit and vegetables you can also give back to those in your community who need it via the Grow to Give project where surplus produce from allotments and gardens goes towards helping the community via local food banks to help households who may need extra support to access healthy and nutritious foods.

Check the Grow to Give website to find your nearest donation allotment site and free access to recipes and cooking videos.

The initiative also provides free cooking sessions delivered by our fully trained Volunteer Cooking Tutors who will link in with their local community growing site.

Each site has its own dedicated Expert Gardener who is on-hand to offer help and guidance about how to get started with growing your own food.

Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, said:

"During these difficult times we are proud to support such an amazing project, that provides nutritious, free produce and brings communities together out in the fresh air. I hope that these projects show communities that anyone can grow delicious fruits, vegetables and herbs for their own use – even if it's grown in a window box or plant pot!"

"You can get involved for free – all you need to do is get in contact with your local Expert Gardener to arrange a visit where you will be shown around the site and receive hands-on information. You don't need any prior experience of gardening or growing to get involved!"

For further information or to find your nearest growing site, please visit www.growtogive.co.uk

Try one of our suggested winter recipes *Squash Risotto* from Grow to give.

Squash Risotto

Risotto is a delicious creamy comfort food that you can make using lots of different vegetables and other ingredients. It's much easier than you might think and is always tasty and filling.



Ingredients (serves 4):

1kg pumpkin (or butternut squash)
300g risotto rice (washed well)
1 vegetable stock cube
1 onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
100g cheese
1 tablespoon olive oil
25g butter
Chopped chives sprinkled on top at the end
You can add other ingredients such as fish, meat, meat substitute. If you don't have pumpkin use any other fresh veg you have to hand.

Method:

1. Chop pumpkin into similar size cubes.
Seeds can be toasted for a snack / garnish.
2. Put pumpkin on a baking sheet, drizzle with olive oil. Roast the pumpkin at 180C for around 30 mins until tender and golden
3. Dice onion finely and fry in the butter until soft. Add the finely chopped garlic.
4. Make 1ltr of stock.
5. Stir in the rice so it is coated with butter.
6. Add a ladle of stock and stir gently until the rice absorbs it. Add the next ladle and repeat until the rice is cooked. The rice should be creamy.
7. Grate the cheese and stir through the risotto until melted. Turn the cooked pumpkin through the rice, adding any juices left in the baking tray.
8. Snip chives as a garnish and enjoy.

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Horticultural Society

Hello all you Horticulturists, this is the last newsletter of the year. Where has 2022 gone? Hope you all had a bountiful season, and are looking forward to the new one.

The last Society event of 2022 on 14th December is a Christmas Meeting social evening at Anthony Hall. We will be providing a glass of wine and mince pies, and there will be a competition for the best decoration for a table or tree.

The officers and committee wish members and non-members a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous growing New Year. The cost of joining us is a modest £5 per annum. Membership runs from January to December and as always, we have an exciting programme to look forward to.



We start the new year on **Wednesday 11th January at 8pm** in the Anthony Hall with our AGM. Though this is formal, we plan to follow it with a glass of wine and a general chat so that new members can get to know the committee and other members. We can also talk about our programme and shows for 2023. All our talks are held in the Anthony Hall and start promptly at 8pm. Here is a taster of our talks for the beginning of the forthcoming year.

Wed 8th February Talk '*The Art of Bonsai*' a fascinating insight by Harry Harrington who is a well-known bonsai expert who lives locally and was featured in the BBC Gardeners World programme last year. The photo in this article shows a Yew tree owned by Ken Halls and recently restyled by Harry.

Wednesday March 8th Talk '*Maud Grieve, the Herbalist*' by Claire de Carle. This is always a fascinating subject, there's so much to learn about herbs and healing etc.

Saturday 18th March 7pm. Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz, Anthony Hall.

Wednesday 29 March 6pm-7.45pm Spring Show Entry Night, Anthony Hall. Be sure to get your bulbs planted early enough so you can enter and exhibit some beautiful bulbs and plants.

Saturday 1 April, 2pm Spring Show & Plant Sale at Aston Clinton School

We plan to have a few group visits during the year and are hoping to visit the National Trust's Nymans Gardens in Sussex in the summer. Please do get in touch if you'd like to find out more about joining our friendly group of garden lovers.

To find out more please visit www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or email: info@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Mandy Valentine

Buckland Parish Council

Buckland Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan voted in!

Many thanks to all Buckland residents who voted in the referendum. The votes have now been counted and 98% of the votes cast were in support of the revised Buckland Neighbourhood Plan being adopted by Buckinghamshire Council as planning policy for Buckland Parish. Buckland Parish Council would like to thank residents for their input and support for this Plan over a longer period of time than usual due to the Covid lockdown.

Community Speedwatch

We have had some interest from villagers in Buckland Wharf who, along with the Parish Council, have concerns about speeding traffic and the need for traffic calming. If you would like to take part, please contact SpeedWatch@thamesvalley.police.uk.

Community Speedwatch has an online platform and volunteers receive online training. Risk assessments are also completed by the police to ensure safety at the roadside.

Wendover Community Car

A Buckland resident was recently recovering from an operation and required transport and we discovered this useful door to door service for people who like a bit of help to get out and about. It is particularly suitable for those with mobility issues. The service serves residents of Buckland, there is charge for the lifts but at a competitive price. They are a helpful, approachable service and to find out more phone [01296 317769](tel:01296317769) or email wendovercommunitycar@gmail.com

Keep in Touch

Would you like to find out more about the work Buckland Parish Council is doing or do you have an issue to raise? Please visit: bucklandpc.org.uk/issue or bucklandpc.org.uk/contact to get in touch or sign up for our email newsletter. Alternatively contact our Clerk, **Fiona Richardson**. Telephone **01296 630962** email: clerk@buckland-pc.gov.uk

Pony Express 2022

The pony express will deliver Christmas cards in Drayton Beauchamp again this year. I will aim to do a final delivery on Friday 23rd December. If I have enough cards I will probably do a first delivery earlier in the week depending on weather and helpers. I don't plan to go to Buckland unless several people ask me to.

Please drop cards in at The Dray House by 9am on Friday 23rd at the very latest. Sorting the cards is quite time consuming so earlier would be better.

If you wish to give me something for charity, I will divide the money between one of the local hospices and an equine charity.

Erica Godman 01296 630066





WENDOVER
CANAL TRUST



Chairman Clive Johnson with Ros Daniels, Director for London & South East at the Canal & Rover Trust.

Wendover canal trust marks 25th anniversary

On 7 November Wendover Canal Trust (WCT) staged its biggest ever community engagement event with more than 100 guests from 85 different organisations, to mark the 25th anniversary of work starting on restoration of the Wendover Canal.

The occasion also enabled the Trust to provide an update on its activities, hold a dialogue with representatives from local organisations and thank its current supporters.

The canal, which is actually a rare chalk stream, starts in Wendover and runs for nearly seven miles (11 kilometres) joining the Grand Union Canal at Bulbourne Junction near Tring. Critically, the Grand Union Canal at the 'Tring summit' depends on the Wendover Canal to keep its locks supplied with water.

At the event, which was held in "Your Café in the Park", WCT chairman Clive Johnson said the canal was almost impenetrable when the decision was taken to restore it and the first task was to clear the hawthorn scrub.

He said that volunteer construction started in 1997 and that "our wonderful volunteers have been doing heavy construction work for 25 years - and we are all unpaid."

He added: "Our plan is that by the end of 2025 we will complete our lining of the section which has always leaked near Tring, then we will eventually restore the water level for boats all the way to Wendover. None of this would have been possible without the funders of the restoration and the towpath upgrade."

The canal and its towpath were becoming a green corridor, he said, "accessible to us all to boost our well-being, with increased biodiversity."

More than 30 WCT volunteers liaised with the guests and the event, held on November 1, was sponsored by FCC Environment, Fairhive Homes, Independent Hire and Village Environmental Services.

For further information contact [Richard Peel](mailto:Richard.Peel@rppr.co.uk)
Email: rppr@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 0780 508 3595

Bierton Crematorium

A Christmas Carol service will be held at Bierton Crematorium at 6.30pm on Thursday 8 December.

Complimentary seasonal refreshments will be served at the end of the service and a free visual remembrance display of those who have been lost to us will be shown during the service. The concert is a free, ticketed event to be held at Bierton Crematorium, Cane End Lane, Bierton HP22 5BH

Email biertoncrem@buckinghamshire.gov.uk for more details.

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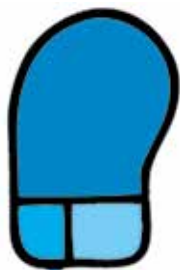
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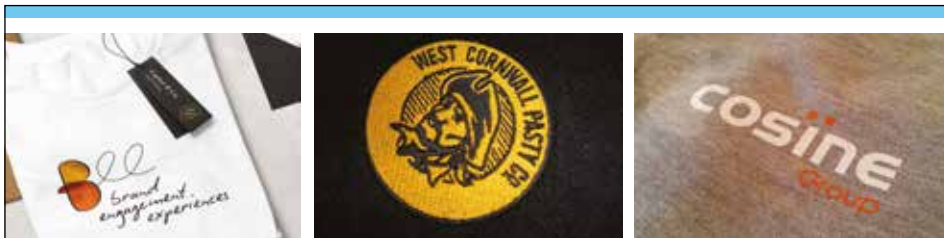
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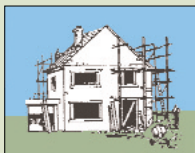
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